

the church and of an advance trench the south of that village.

To the north from Roye to Lihou, near here we also have made some progress. These various attacks, undertaken with great spirit, have everywhere conserved the ground already gained.

To the south of the Oise our artillery has demolished the defense works of the enemy in the region of Bailly and on the plateau of Gouvron.

On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Suptignac (near Berry-au-Bac), notably, a slight advance of our troops has been followed by a strong

counter attack, which has completely failed.

Strengthened Positions Already Won.

"The region of Perthes and Meuse has been followed up and strengthened. To the north of Meuse we took possession of a forest strongly protected by the enemy and to the east of Perthes captured by us Dec. 22. To the north-west of Meuse and to the east of Perthes we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trenches which he occupied and we are now masters of all his first line of defense.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grappe, at Bagette, Fontaine Madame, and St. Hubert, we have repulsed five attacks and strengthened our front. Between the Argonne and the Meuse, in spite of the snow and the fog, we have made progress on the Bourville-Vauquois front.

Big Guns Deal Damage.

"In the region of Oulay and the forest of Fergeux our heavy artillery by subduing the batteries and machine guns of the enemy has enabled our infantry to make an advance.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans have bombarded the southern corner of the forest of Conservoy, where we are established.

"In the forest of Alilly and Apremont our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

"In the lower Vosges we have advanced to within 1,000 meters of Clercy on the Vaucouleurs river.

Germans Report Victories.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, via London, Dec. 25.—An official communication issued by the German army headquarters under date of Dec. 25 says:

"In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet. To the east of St. Hubert a further portion of the British intruders were taken.

"Near Chivry, to the northeast of Vailly, our troops surprised a hostile company which had taken up a position in front of our lines, and captured 12 Frenchmen. In attempting to recapture this position the enemy suffered severe losses.

"French attacks near Bouain and Perthes as well as minor attacks to the northwest of Verdun and west of Apremont were repulsed."

GERMANS SLAIN BY THOUSANDS NEAR WARSAW

Siberian Troops Annihilated Seven Battalions Trying to Cross Rivers.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 25.—Russian successes are reported officially from the battle front before Warsaw and from that around Grochow, but without materially changing the general situation in these regions.

Before Warsaw the Russians are holding their own and are inflicting severe punishment on the Germans. A series of energetic attacks at Polnow, just south of Grochow, thirty miles from Warsaw, are reported to have been repulsed on the night of Dec. 23 by vigorous Russian counter attacks.

Forty miles further south at Anovovs a successful German crossing of the Pilica river was followed by a German reverse by savage attacks by Siberian troops, who forced the invaders back again.

Germans Lose Crack Troops.

In this fighting seven crack battalions of the Wurtemberg troops, which were brought from France to aid in the drive on Warsaw, were annihilated. Details of the bloody engagements reached here today.

The Wurtemberg battalions were opposed to the Siberian Rifles, and the gallantry of these Russian troops in fighting which extended over Saturday, Sunday, and Monday is responsible for the repulse of the enemy. Throughout Saturday the Germans assailed the Russian positions with a heavy artillery fire. A concerted attempt was being made to force a crossing of the river.

Siberians Drive Germans Back.

Frequent infantry attacks were made during the day, but it was not until Saturday night that the real assault was ordered. Then the Wurtemberg moved forward. They charged across the rough swampy ground on the Siberians in the face of a terrific fire, which failed to check them. The charging men, who constantly closed their ranks as the heavy fire cut them down, and pressed on.

The Germans dashed straight up to the trenches of the Siberians, and here the fighting became a hand-to-hand struggle. The Siberians met the Germans with full force. They stabbed, clubbed and cut their way into the enemy's ranks until they fell back. The Germans repeated their attack time and again until the seven Wurtemberg battalions had been virtually wiped out.

Germans Renew Futile Attacks.

Sunday night two German detachments succeeded in crossing the river foot bridge near Pila. They were immediately assailed by the Russians, cut off from retreat, and annihilated.

On Monday two more German battalions were concentrated on the right bank of the river. The Siberians did not wait for an attack but they changed the line of the battle and the bayonet and a desperate hand to hand encounter followed. The Siberians spread out, succeeding in partially enveloping the Germans, and the battalions which were to have driven a new assault on the Russian positions were cut to pieces. The Germans left 1,200 dead on the field.

Austrian Assaults Also Repulsed.

Further to the south heavy engagements also being fought. Especially vicious attacks have been made by the Germans between Pincow, forty miles northeast of Cracow, and Nowemiasio Kerczy, at the junction of the Nida and Vistula rivers.

In this place the Austrians imitated the tactics of the Germans and tried to force a passage by sheer weight and numbers. Time after time they advanced in solid formation, against the Russian front in the face of a heavy artillery fire. The net result, after two days' fighting—Dec. 22 and 23—was the capture by the Russians of nearly 5,000 prisoners, including half a hundred officers, and the retention by the Russians of the left bank of the Nida, where they are strongly entrenched. In Galicia fighting also continues, but reports indicate that the Russians are again gaining the advantage over the Austrians. All sorties of the garrison from Przemyel have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Russian Official Statement.

The following official bulletin was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"There has been no change on the left bank of the Vistula river or in Galicia. The Germans delivered attacks on the day and night of Dec. 24, principally in the districts of Schocassew and Bolnow, but the battles with great loss to the enemy. Fighting continues on the banks of the Pilica river.

"During the development of our offensive among the mountain spurs of the Carpathians two of our infantry regiments gave evidence of great gallantry. Under a murderous fire and wading waist deep in the ice cold water of the river Jasolka, these regiments dislodged by bayonet charge the Austrians from their line, taking prisoner four officers and 150 soldiers."

German Official Statement.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The German army ministry today issued the following communication:

"In the eastern theater of the war the situation was unchanged."

Among the items given out today by the official press bureau are the following:

"An Austrian report indicates that the Carpathians are being cleared gradually of the enemy, but that the latter are stubbornly holding their own in Galicia, where Vienna has no success to report."

"The Petrograd correspondent of the London Morning Post reports that Russia has been forced to give up the attempt to take Grochow and must retire to the inner line of defense on the Warsaw-Vistula front."

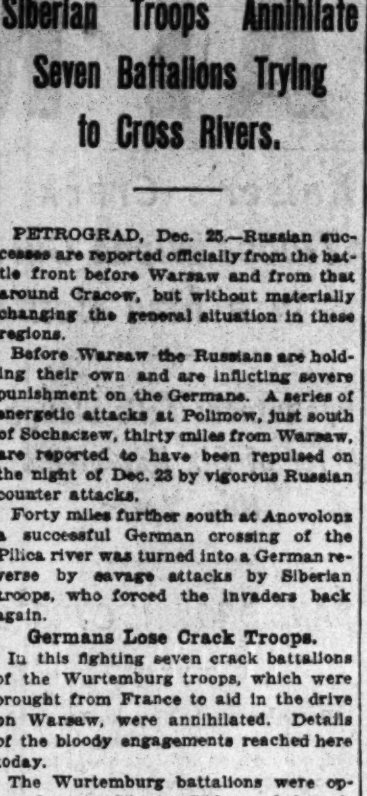
POPE WORKS FOR WOUNDED.

Fontif Devotes Much of Christmas Day to Developing Plan for Exchange of Prisoners.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Pope Benedict devoted the greater part of Christmas to developing his plan for the exchange of wounded prisoners. After religious services he spent some time with relatives. He expressed great satisfaction over the many messages he has received, especially from America, giving strong adherence to his efforts to lessen the cruelties of the war and hasten peace.

Fight Between German Taube and War Aeroplane of Allies

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This remarkable picture of a battle in the air was received from Europe. The photograph was made near the battlefield of Arras, France, just as the German Taube was training his rapid fire gun on the escaping German Taube, which was outdistancing him. Underwood & Underwood, who forwarded the photograph, stated, "We have reason to believe it is authentic."

War Tones Down Celebration of Christmas Day in London

(By Cable to the Chicago Tribune.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Despite the horror of war gripping the nation, Great Britain today did its utmost to keep up the old Christmas spirit.

Were it not for the great number of men in khaki and blue parading the streets and swarming from railroad stations, no one would have known that Great Britain and other nations of Europe were endeavoring to strangle the life out of each other.

Real Military Christmas.

This evidence of war activity made it a real military Christmas, but the rank and file of the people pursued their usual methods of observing Christmas. Gifts were exchanged. Families, or that part of them left at home, joined in the annual dinner and wished for those at the front.

Many of these families had with them a father, brother or son, back from the war area for the day.

Dinner in the big hotels was notable for the presence of the military and an unusual feature was the presence of men in noncommissioned uniforms, even privates, mingling with officers.

Royalty Observes Holiday.

King George, Queen Mary, and other members of the royal family were at Sandringham for their usual Christmas celebration.

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Despite efforts to look upon the bright side of life, London was Sabbathlike, because all the theaters were closed and the hotels and public houses kept Sunday hours. The few hours of daylight, however, were almost bright, which is a rare phenomenon in an English winter.

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AUSTRIA PUSHES PLANS FOR WAR

Budapest, Vienna, and Other Cities Preparing for a Possible Siege.

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—[Correspondence.]—An early peace is not looked for by the Austro-Hungarian government. While no official statement to this effect has been made, the measures indicate that a cessation of hostilities in the near future is most unlikely.

Military preparations continue to be made throughout the dual empire, as the Associated Press correspondent was able to observe on a recent trip over a considerable part of Austria and Hungary.

Along many of the principal lines in eastern and northern Hungary military field works are being laid out on a large scale, and the two principal cities of the empire, Vienna and Budapest, are being prepared for defense in a like manner.

Nine Lines of Defense Seen.

To the north and east of Vienna no less than nine lines of defense may be observed, and the works of Budapest are even more extensive. Some of the intrenchments, redoubts, and artillery emplacements which constitute these works were established some time ago, to insure by their settled appearance, but more are being laid out. Thousands of men and a large number of excavating machines are employed in the further extension of these precautionary measures.

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A British squadron and Japanese warships are known to be cruising near this port.

Mine Sinks British Ship.

GRIMSBY, England, Dec. 25.—A mine-trawler Ocean was sunk by a mine yesterday. Eight men were drowned, only one being saved.

Harwich Raid Feared.

HARWICH, Dec. 25.—A possible German attack on this English seaport is indicated by the following notice issued to the mayor:

"Although an attack by the enemy on Harwich fortresses is not expected at the present time, and there is no special reason for anxiety among noncombatants, it is considered desirable to notify the civilian population that in the unexpected event of a hostile operation the members of the local emergency committee and special constables will direct every one as to the course to be pursued."

"All members of the civilian population are hereby required to act strictly in accordance with such directions."

All visitors arriving at Harwich will be required to register.

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Secretary Presents Booklet of His Own Writing to Foreign Diplomats.

PRAISES ARBITRATION.

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In the little book, of which the secretary is the author, also explained the blessings of peace and the reasons to believe that the world is gradually accepting the belief that war is not only terrible but unnecessary, and the truth of the saying that "Nothing is final among friends," which Mr. Bryan believes will ultimately lead to the peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties.

Mr. Bryan touches lightly on the evil influences, such as sensational newspapers and manufacturers of armor plate, which under the cloak of patriotism urge nations into war.

Points to Mexican Arbitration.

The secretary points out also that the present administration has set an example to the world in the matter of arbitration of international differences, in proof of which he refers to the Niagara Falls conference, through which, he says, the Mexican situation was satisfactorily adjusted, and the adoption of his peace treaties by the nations which have ratified that instrument.

The "Message from Bethlehem" was not sent to the German and the Austro-Hungarian ambassadors nor to the Belgian minister, these gentlemen receiving instead a copy of Mr. Bryan's address, entitled "Man," which was delivered before the University of Nebraska in 1908.

This distinction was not at first understood until a careful reading of the "Message from Bethlehem" recalled the fact that Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Belgium had not ratified Mr. Bryan's treaties, and under the present circumstances references to them might not be regarded as an entirely delicate feature in a Christmas gift to the representatives of those countries.

Frontispiece Shows Plowshares.

One illustration appears in the "Message from Bethlehem" the frontispiece being a photograph of the plowshares in the form of plowshares presented by Mr. Bryan to various officials and personal friends some months ago. Graven on the paperweights, as shown in the illustration, are the words of Isaiah, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares."

The little volumes are not autographs, but may be obtained, as the reader is informed, from the publishers in Chicago, New York, and elsewhere for 35 cents.

ITALY WILL KEEP COPPER.

Pledges Itself to Prevent Re-exportations on Action by England and France.

ROME, Dec. 25.—[Delayed.]—England and France have given assurances to the Italian government that cargoes of copper on board Italian steamers, which have been held as contraband of war, will be released.

In return Italy has pledged itself to prevent the exportation of copper. All available supplies of the metal are needed in this country for home manufactures.

It was observed that Italy's importations of the metal were increasing and the British and French governments suspected that some of it was being forwarded from the Italian ports to which it was consigned to Germany or Austria.

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"At the double quick Scots and English, a few feet apart, yelling like demons, pounce on the attackers. Rifles are silent. It is cold steel alone. Our battery captain yells 'Stop firing.' There is a risk of shelling our own men now. We become spectators.

British Face Slaughter.

"One of the battery commanders shouts, 'My God! Look, they're done for!' On the right the guard has suddenly turned toward the hill. A bugle blast and the mass of men half turns and seems about to be thrown on the back of the British, outfanked. The situation is desperate. Our artillery is useless.

"Listen! Over the valley, rising louder and still louder, comes a song which the Germans have heard before. A crash of brass, a hoarse roar fills the air, echoing across the valley, drowning the shouts and curses of the human war machine below.

"The 'Marsellaise'—the English and Scots have heard it. 'Hold tight, the French are coming,' we scream. They cannot hear us, but we must shout—the strain is too intense.

"Fast our batteries a company of Spanish

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Purpose of Italy Announced.

It is semi-officially announced that the occupation of Avlona implies no purpose on the part of Italy to occupy interior points, but is merely intended to prevent anarchy on the opposite coast of the Adriatic, which is only a few hours from Italian territory, besides upholding Italian interests—namely, not to allow Avlona to fall into the hands of any naval power.

For some time the situation in Albania has again been grave. Several districts have rebelled altogether against any authority and have become prey to the worst form of anarchy.

The Tribune declares that the landing of Italian troops is not a simple demonstration.

Previously Occupied by Italians. Partisan of Kemal Bey last month forced the government to haul down the Turkish flag and hoist the Albanian colors. Esad Pasha, the commander in chief of the Turkish forces in Albania, then sent 800 soldiers to Avlona and expelled the inhabitants and restored the Turkish flag.

Esad Pasha Takes the Field. DURAZZO, Dec. 25.—Esad Pasha, accompanied by an armed force, left today for Kruja, where Albanian rebels are gathering preparatory to a march into the interior against the rebels, who are concentrating at Pibra, about forty miles farther into the interior.

LIEBKNECHT GOES TO FRONT. Swiss Report Says He Was Enrolled to Stop Opposition to War in Reichstag.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the German Socialist leader, who was the only member to vote against the war credit at the recent session of the Reichstag, has been enrolled in the German army, according to a dispatch to Humanite from the Swiss frontier. This move was decided upon, the dispatch says, after his arrest against war in the Reichstag as the best means to stop his opposition, a trial on a charge of high treason being considered too dangerous an expedient.

Announcement

Our retail store and factory will be closed until Monday morning, in order that each one of our employees may enjoy a real Christmas holiday.

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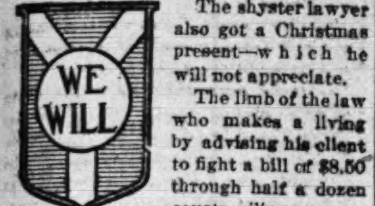
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DEBTORS' COURT PLAN BLOW TO SHYSTER LAWYER

Suits for Less than \$50 Can Be Decided Without His Assistance.

BY HENRY M. HYDE.



The slyster lawyer also got a Christmas present—which he will not appreciate.

The limb of the law who makes a living by advising his client to fight a bill of \$8.00 through half a dozen courts, piling up court costs, attorney's fees, and other legal expenses until they equal twenty times the amount of the claim, is likely to find his income sadly reduced—provided the client accepts the offered opportunity.

In spite of all the efforts made by Chief Justice Olson and his associate judges to expedite the hearing of cases, the Municipal court of Chicago is already more than a year behind on its jury calendar and months behind on its jury cases. This delay is chiefly caused by the efforts of lawyers in petty cases to postpone action, to put up endless legal technicalities, to drag out as long as possible the trials in which they are engaged. It is needless to point out that the slower the progress the bigger the bill of costs and the fees which the attorney can charge.

Conciliation Court, Plan. Now at the suggestion of Cyrus Garrett of the Chicago bar the Municipal court, following the example of the Municipal courts in Kansas, is planning to establish a so-called conciliation court in which people can take cases involving less than \$50 and have them decided without the interference of lawyers on either side.

Out in Kansas a few years ago a railroad company sued a milling firm for \$80. That suit has been in the Supreme court of Kansas three times and is now in the Supreme court of the United States for the second time. So far the cost of this case—for court costs, witness and lawyer's fees, and other expenses—amounts to \$50,000, to say nothing of the delay which has resulted in the handling of more important trials.

Small Debtors' Court. It was cases like this which influenced the Kansas legislature to establish a small debtors' court, from which lawyers are absolutely barred, so that the poor man is certain of getting quick and common sense justice. This little court has the endorsement of Kansas lawyers generally.

Nearly two years ago a so-called conciliation court was established by the city of Cleveland, in which lawyers are forbidden to practice. From March, 1913, to Nov. 1914, 6,200 cases were begun in this court and 5,900 of them were finally disposed of. The first and most important result was that the regular docket of the Cleveland Municipal court was greatly cleared. Almost equally important is the fact that the people who took their small claims into this court had their cases decided at practically no expense. The court costs were usually 50 cents, and never more than 45 cents. And there was no instance any attorney's fees to pay.

All Suits for Less than \$50. The rule in Cleveland is that all claims of less than \$50, all cases of attachment and garnishment involving less than \$50, and all cases of replevin are entered on this docket. Litigants are given aid by the clerk in preparing their court papers and no payment is permitted for this service. The parties are examined verbally by the judge in a more or less informal proceeding, each witness being permitted to tell his story in his own way, though no unnecessary delay is permitted. The clerk also tries his best to settle disputes between parties without taking them before the judge at all.

It is a frequent experience for cases, which with a couple of shrewd lawyers involved, might take days of time and cost hundreds of dollars, to be settled to the satisfaction of everybody concerned in less than five minutes.

In Chicago it will not be possible to establish a conciliation court in which lawyers will not be permitted to practice. To do that will require special legislation. But the judges of the Municipal court may, in their wisdom, pass a rule establishing a conciliation court, in which litigants may have the aid of expert lawyers and present their own cases.

The conciliation court was approved in principle by the judges of the Chicago Municipal court at their meeting on Thursday. On the report of the committee of judges appointed to visit and inspect the Cleveland court will depend the establishment of a similar branch in this city.

OLD DOBBIN'S YULE FEAST PRELUDE TO FATEFUL DAY.

Field in Livestock Stable for \$35 Board Bill Which Owner Says He Won't Pay.

Old Dobbin was given an extra feed of oats last night at the livestock stable of Bruno B. Gansel, 59 East Twenty-sixth street, for today he goes to the city pound. There is a board bill of \$35 against Dobbin, and unless it is paid within three days the animal will be sold. His owner, John Bernard of 3016 South Sixth street, refuses to pay the bill. He says Dobbin isn't worth \$35. He is a gray and white horse. He has to be recommended by his disposition.

On Dec. 1 Dobbin's owner loaned him to a friend, Malachy McGregory, to do a job of hauling. McGregory was arrested when the police found him with a wagon loaded with plumbing material, the owner of which he could not name. The horse was put in the livestock stable.

Snapshots of Chicago's Christmas by "Tribune" Photographers.



WHITE YULETIDE FOR WASHINGTON

President Enjoys Quiet Holiday with Immediate Relatives.

SING SING SEES PLAY.

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Washington enjoyed the luxury of a "white Christmas" today. Usually the day is characterized by wet, sloppy, gloomy weather, with skies overcast. A heavy snow fell yesterday and last night and a few flakes sifted down during the day. There was a tang in the air that gave the holiday a New England and setting, and the result was that everybody in official Washington enjoyed a real Christmas.

The White House for one day in the year ceased to be a public place, and the president retired to a scene of domestic happiness, surrounded by his immediate family and a few relatives.

Many Relatives as Guests. The president had with him for Christmas his married daughters, Mrs. Bayne and Mrs. McAdoo, and their husbands. Miss Margaret Wilson was also present and acted as White House hostess. In addition there were present during the day Miss Sallie McAdoo, daughter of the secretary of the treasury; Mrs. Edward Howe, the president's sister; Mrs. Cochran, widow of the president; and her daughter, of Philadelphia; Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, cousin of the president, and Prof. Stockton Axon, brother of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

The dinner was served at 6:15 p.m. The turkey came from a southern friend. The turkey was a fine specimen of the breed. The dinner was a simple one, but very delicious. The president and his family enjoyed it very much.

Illinoisans Celebrate Day. Many members of the Illinois delegation spent Christmas day in Washington. Senator Sherman played Santa Claus to his little girl. He had a huge Christmas tree for her and many presents. Senator Lewis spent the afternoon calling on a number of his friends.

Congressmen Stroll for their Beloved. Christmas trees for their families, who came during this last year. Congressman Graham returned to Springfield, where he spent the day with his family.

The Criminals that Dye the Battleground of Europe did not dim the glitter of the red and blue berries for the big colony of foreign children in the diplomatic corps in Washington this year. Even in the embassy and legation where there are young children the sudden gray atmosphere was lifted temporarily.

All the members of the cabinet except Secretary Garrison, who spent the day at Atlantic City, and Secretary Bryan, who visited a cousin at Fairfax, Va., were surrounded by their immediate families and friends and observed the day in their homes.

Prison Play at Sing Sing. Owing to the fact that the Sing Sing prison today set as "first night" at the initial performance of "Sinners," a four act melodrama by Owen Davis.

The play, which will soon be produced on Broadway, under the direction of William A. Brady, was given at the prison under the auspices of the Golden Rule Brotherhood, organized by Thomas Mott Osborne, the millionaire ward.

It was the most elaborate Christmas celebration ever held in the institution. Every one of the 1,400 inmates had an opportunity to compete for the \$100 offered as a prize for the best criticism of the play.

It was nearly 7 o'clock when the cell blocks were locked as every inmate carried his half-pound box of candy and a box of cigarettes with him.

LEAVES SOCIETY FOR SLUM WORK

Miss Mary Amberg Will Quit Home of Ease to Live in the Ghetto.

OUTLINES HER PLANS.

Miss Mary Amberg of 1201 North State street is missing from most of the social functions nowadays. She has found something more absorbing than tangoes and teas. This is to be managing director of the Guardian Angels' center at Twelfth and Halsted streets.

The directorship is so alluring, in fact, that rumor has it Miss Amberg intends to transfer her residence from the home of her father, William A. Amberg, president of the Amberg File and Index company, to the center on the first of the year. The molding of the lives of ghetto children is more to the liking of Miss Amberg than the easy life of her father's home.

This other home which Miss Amberg has chosen for herself is in the St. Francis school building. It is bleak and forbidding looking from the outside. When a Tribune reporter visited it last night a large touring car stood before the building waiting for Miss Amberg, who was inside.

Miss Amberg Found at Work. Miss Amberg, in a long sleeved apron, was distributing Christmas baskets.

"You see this is the old German school building, with eight large rooms," she said. "It belongs to the German Catholic church across the street. The Italians and the Jews forced the Germans out, and now they use four of the schoolrooms instead of the eight. We rent the lower rooms for the settlement work."

"We handled 1,800 boys and girls in the settlement last year, and we are only eighteen months old."

She showed the library, the new dance hall to be opened on New Year's night, and the living quarters. Four rooms draped in colorful cretonne with big pink flowers were being decorated for the kindergarten by her assistant, Miss Catherine M. Jordan.

Will Live in Center. Miss Jordan will not have to make her nightly trips from Sixty-fifth street and Drezel boulevard when the living rooms are ready for occupancy, and Miss Amberg will not have the inconvenience of returning to her home in North State street, she said.

"I have not yet received mother's consent to live here," said Miss Amberg.

WOMAN SHOTS MAN IN LEG. Finds Him Fighting with Her Husband in His Southport Avenue Saloon.

Anthony Silke of 2518 Ward street quarreled yesterday with Alex Mieschke in Mieschke's saloon at 2334 Southport avenue. Mieschke tried to eject him from the saloon and during the struggle which followed Mrs. Martha Mieschke went to her husband's assistance and shot Silke in the leg.

Gas Off; Laugh! Band Chased; Hal on Christmas Day

German Musicians "In Dutch," How Droll, They Say.

What did you do when things went wrong yesterday? Just laughed, didn't you? Of course you did. Everybody laughs on Christmas, no matter what goes wrong.

That's what five German musicians did who journeyed out to Evanston to serenade the town and almost get arrested, and that's what some twelve families did who were compelled to forego their Christmas dinners at home.

Here's the story of Karl Nicklos' brass band:

Here Nicklos, who resides at 1076 Clybourn avenue, leads his five piece band with his right hand and holds his cornet in his left. He had always heard that Evanstonians were lovers of good music. Christmas concerts should bring extra remuneration, thought Herr Nicklos. That's why five lusty lunged Germans with as many formidable wind instruments piled off of an elevated train in the north shore suburb last night.

Herr Nicklos picked out the most intellectual appearing part of town, where the lighted windows proved the residents to be at home, and assembled his band in the middle of the street. The members of the Nicklos musical aggregation carry their own scores in their heads.

Back Stirs Evanston. "Now, men, together!" shouted Herr Nicklos. "Give 'em some Bach." Bach boomed forth from the bass horn. Bach jumped in leaps from the slide trombone. Bach blared from the "second alto." Bach squeaked from the clarinet. And Bach tumbled forth from the cornet as fast as Herr Nicklos could press the keys. Evanston was deeply stirred. So were the Evanston police.

"That sort of stuff don't go here," shouted a policeman in Herr Nicklos' ear. The leader raised his hand. The music ceased.

Then a Little Wagner. "All right," shouted the leader. "At 'em, men, with a little Wagner." The echoes of Bach were still reverberating when Wagner assailed the chill winds. A policeman grabbed Herr Nicklos.

"You come to the station house," said one of a crowd of residents which had gathered. Herr Nicklos' bosom swelled.

"Well, it's against the law," replied the policeman. "If they'll go back to Chicago we'll let 'em go."

"Well, we know now that the Evanston police don't like good music," laughed the leader to his band as they climbed aboard an elevated train.

There was a side door in the ice box which the robbers had overlooked. Wolf crawled through it and notified the police.

Twelve Hungry Families. Here's the story of the twelve hungry families.

At 11 o'clock in the morning Mrs. A. De Ford Pitney of 308 Leeland avenue lighted her gas oven preparatory to lighting a plum turkey. Only a faint, flickering, bluish flame, almost indistinguishable, answered the flare of the match.

Mrs. Pitney called her husband. The latter investigated. He discovered that 11 other tenants in the apartment building were doing the same thing. The janitor could not be found. The gas company was called up. It was said the gas main must be frozen.

"How can gas freeze?" asked one tenant.

"Well, you see, cold contracts," explained another. "The pipe has swollen shut."

But Everybody Laughed. Some of the tenants visited nearby delicatessens. Others streamed out to restaurants. Several of them scooped out Mrs. Pitney's electric toaster and took turns in preparing a "light" Christmas dinner with it. Among the families discommoded were those of T. K. Hedrick, Samuel F. Beasley, E. A. Anderson, A. F. Gibbons, and W. R. Tannehill. One of them had invited seven guests to dinner.

But those that went out to delicatessens laughed and those who ate impromptu lunches laughed, and those that went to restaurants laughed, for it was Christmas day and they will be eating turkey today when the rest of the town is picking the bones.

CARRIES OFF HIS TWO BOYS. Former Indianapolis Man on Christmas Eve Kidnaps Children from Wife Who Divorced Him.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—E. Jesse Conway, director of the committee of mercy of New York city, and formerly of Indianapolis, figured in a sensational Christmas eve kidnapping case in which his two children, Jerry and Jack, were spirited away from their mother by a man who had divorced her.

Conway obtained a divorce from Conway last September and was given possession of the boys.

DIES SUDDENLY IN A BARN. Frederick Prather Decides to Take Nap Before Going After Christmas Goose and Falls to Awaken.

James Pollard, who lives in a barn at 49 West Twenty-sixth place, invited Frederick Prather, 2706 South Dearborn street, to take Christmas dinner with him. He said that he knew where a fat goose could be found. Before they started out to get the goose, according to the story Prather told the police, they decided to take a nap in the barn.

Later, when he awoke, Prather said that he tried to arouse his companion and found that he was dead.

THREE ROBBERS PLAY ROLE OF SANTA FOR THEMSELVES.

Make Merry with Saloon Cash Register and Get Away with \$162—Use Old Icebox Trick.

Oscar Blake didn't intend to pass any Christmas presents over the bar of his saloon at 524 East Thirty-ninth street—so three early morning customers went around and helped themselves yesterday.

The first customer ordered a glass of beer, washed Harry Wolf, the bartender, a merry Christmas, and asked him if Blake wasn't going to "be a good fellow" with his patrons.

Then customer No. 2 dropped in. The third customer reached into his pocket—reluctantly Wolf thought. But when the customer's hand came forth again the bartender changed his mind. The hand held a revolver and the revolver was aimed at Wolf.

There was \$162 in the cash register just then. A moment later the register was empty.

The three men were walking toward the door when Charles Krapel of 3746 Calumet came in for an eye-opener. Krapel was forced to give up \$10. Then, as an afterthought, the robbers locked both their victims in the ice box and went on their way.

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JOY OF GIVING, GOOD FELLOWS' YULEDAY THEME

Some Promise to Keep Up Aid to Poor During Entire Winter.

The telephone bell jingled in THE Tribune's Good Fellow department about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

"Say, I just want to tell you how good it made me feel to get in on this Good Fellow business," said a voice that sounded as though it came from the chest of a big, hearty man.

"I'll bet I got as much real joy out of it as the other people did, although they needed to see a Good Fellow badly enough, the Lord knows."

"That's all—I just wanted to tell you," he broke off, and a moment later the telephone rang again and another Good Fellow delivered the second of a long series of messages of a similar tenor over the wire.

The Joy of Giving. Throughout the afternoon THE Tribune was busy receiving expressions of the joy of giving. One of the most frequently reiterated expressions was: "I found them worthy people."

Not infrequently a Good Fellow reported that he would present his Christmas protegee with an enduring present in the form of a job for some member of the family. Other Good Fellows expressed the intention of keeping track of an unfortunate family for the entire year and giving help as long as necessary, until others undertook to look out for a family until warm weather comes again.

Grocers Help Out. A number of grocery stores joined in the Good Fellow movement. These stores had considerable quantities of holiday goods left over from the Christmas trade, and will deliver them to poor families today. One grocer in Randolph street engaged to supply a poor family with groceries without charge for a week.

What struggling calls for help came in during the day will be handled today. Numerous instances were found where no rent has been paid for many months and where the landlord has played his own part in the Good Fellow movement by allowing the tenants to remain in the house.

"DEAD" MAN RETURNS HOME AS SANTA AND ENOCH ARDEN.

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Very Specially Priced

Women's Fine Serge Frocks in the New Styles—at \$13.75



An example of the new Frocks that are arriving daily in the Inexpensive Frock Section is sketched.

It is made of French serge, and reveals the Spring style tendencies—the graceful circular skirt, and the belt at the normal waistline. Touches of embroidery in color and a row of buttons placed in a novel manner across the front add to its distinction. This model is offered in black, navy, Copenhagen, green, plum or brown serge.

Reduced for Clearance

Silk and Velvet Dresses, \$10.00 Smart Serge Street Dresses, to \$7.50

Sixth Floor, Wabash Avenue

OLD GREEN ROOM, SHOWGIRLS' OWN, SHUTS ITS DOORS

"Sammy," Friend to Chorus
Folk, Too Liberal with
His Credit.

She was only a slip of a girl. The policeman standing in front of the Garlick theater last night noticed this. It was accentuated even more by the cumbersome suitcase which she carried, partly dragged down the steep, narrow steps which lead to the basement under the playhouse.

"Another one looking for Sammy," mused the policeman. The girl brought up with a sudden start in front of the closed door at the foot of the steps on the handle of which her hand already rested. A large sign informed her that the place was closed. There were some legal phrases and the name of the sheriff appended.

Never Mind What She Said. The girl stuffed a blond curl nervously back under her hat. She listened. There was no sound inside. She stepped back and uttered an exclamation of dismay. Just what she said is no matter. It was expressive. She was a chorus girl.

Slowly she came back up the steps. The policeman smiled. "What does that mean, Sammy's closed?" she exclaimed almost fearfully, almost tearfully.

Green Room Is No More. That was what they are all saying on the Plaza. "Sammy didn't get an even break," Sammy had been the "grand-dad" of the chorus for years. His bar, the cafe, known as the Green Room to the untitled, but more familiarly as "Sammy's" to its frequenters, has been the gathering place of show girls as soon as they were able to get their makeup off at night. In the little white walled room at the foot of the stairs they would sip their beer or eat a midnight supper, sometimes at the expense of a "John," but more frequently at the expense of Sammy.

That was Sammy's failing, accepting signed tabs in lieu of cash. If a show went stranded in Oshkosh, the first place the chorus girl headed for was Sammy's. They had no money? Well, well, Sammy would fix them up. And Sammy did. He'd give them supper and he'd give them money for room rent and sometimes they paid him back.

But Sammy never lost faith. He'd rather play false to his own interests than to those who had been his "children." When creditors began to "crowd" him, Sammy told them to wait just a little longer. He had tabs enough to meet all bills and the girls would be along shortly and make good.

The war came along, however, and after it came a bad theatrical season. Sheriff Tacks Up Sign. Better times didn't come, but the creditors did, and Sammy couldn't pay. And then the sheriff came and tacked up the sign, and the days of the Green Room, perhaps the most picturesque cafe in Chicago, were over.

"I still believe better times are coming," said Sammy last night. His last name, which is not known to half of his nightly customers of former days, is Rosenberg. "It was just a case of being a little too generous, I guess," he added. "But some day, perhaps soon, I hope to open up again."

Orphans Have Merry Time; One Wins a Home.



ORPHANS GET A FEAST

HOTEL OWNER ADOPTS A GUEST

He Likes Way 11 Year Old
Lillian Poepe Eats
Christmas Turkey.

TWO COME TO GET BOY.

One of a hundred children from the Father Falkenstein settlement, who sat down to a Christmas dinner in the Berlin room at the Bismarck yesterday, was 11 year old Lillian Poepe.

There was something in Lillian's appearance that attracted the attention of Emil Demme, proprietor of the hotel. He watched with growing approval the lady-like manner in which she disposed of her noodle soup, her adroit style of attack on her section of the turkey, and her entranced struggle with a double portion of ice cream.

"Wish She Was Mine." "So," he said reflectively. "So, well, that's a fine girl. I wish she was mine. I like the way she eats."

Before the gifts were distributed—neckties for the boys and hair ribbons for the girls—Demme had a talk with "the authorities" of the settlement. They struck a bargain. And now Lillian is going to have noodle soup, turkey, and ice cream every day, if that is her pleasure, for a certain person who handles noodle soup by the tank, turkey by the thousand, and ice cream by the freestudent intends to adopt her.

Come to Adopt Boy. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamp came to Chicago during the day from Madison, Wis. In the hope of finding a Christmas present. They want to adopt a little boy who will partly fill the place made vacant by the death of their only child last spring.

Before evening they had called upon nearly every orphanage in Chicago, but without success. They couldn't find anybody who had children for adoption. Today they are going to try the home finding societies. Mr. Lamp does a large transportation business in Madison.

PUSH NEW CASE AGAINST FISH

State's Attorney Calls Ac-
quittal Miscarriage
of Justice.

CHARGES OUTLAWED?

Joseph Fish, the acquitted millionaire fire insurance adjuster, spent Christmas with his family and many friends at his residence at 1811 Prairie avenue. He made a brief statement:

"We are very, very happy," he said. State's Attorney Hoynes spent the day at his residence at 5136 Blackstone avenue. Mr. Hoynes was happy because it was Christmas, but a bit crestfallen over the verdict of the arson jury. He issued a statement, in which he said:

"That verdict is absolutely the worst miscarriage of justice in the annals of our courts. But the fight will go on, and we expect to have the Miller arson case ready for trial in the near future."

Says Justice Must Be Done. "I am not vindictive, but justice must be done. The average wrongdoer is driven to crime by circumstances, but Fish is a man who not only has wealth but social position. Preparations for a new trial will proceed. Some of the gentlemen who at the last trial testified to his splendid reputation will be among those absent when the next case is called."

I believe the general yuletide spirit had considerable to do with his acquittal, but we are not losing sight of the fact that there are strong indications that the jury was tampered with. I am informed that the attorneys for Fish state that the pending cases are outlawed, but I beg to differ with these legal lights."

Believes Cases Outlawed. "Yes, I did say that I believed that the statute of limitations had run in the other cases the state has hanging over Mr. Fish, but that is all I care to say," said

EMIL DEMME AND
LILLIAN POEPE

Benjamin C. Bachrach of counsel for Fish. The Miller fire referred to was the store of the late Morris Miller, which burned on Jan. 1, 1911.

Juror Malloy issued this statement. "I have been in the abstr. of department of the Chicago Title and Trust company for eighteen years," said Mr. Malloy.

"No one attempted to approach me. No one made any signals to me, and I certainly made none to any one else. When I became a juror I did not know that Abel Davis, vice president of the company that employs me, was to be a character witness for the defendant."

ARREST 46 FOR VOTE FRAUDS
U. S. Marshals at Terre Haute Will
Take More Than 100 In-
dicted Men.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 25.—Forty-six men were arrested here last night by United States marshals on indictments returned by the federal grand jury in Indianapolis charging election frauds. It is said that more than one hundred are to be arrested for the alleged offenses. All the men were released on \$2,500 bond each.

FINDS FARMERS OF SOUTH POOR

General Education Board
Puts Average Earnings
at \$150 a Year.

TELLS OF ITS WORK.

New York, Dec. 25.—Efforts made to promote education in the southern states are summarized in the sixth installment of the report of the general education board founded by John D. Rockefeller, made public tonight. It soon became clear, according to the report, that adequate development could not take place until the available resources of the people were enlarged.

Rural Poverty Cause. "These conditions were not primarily due to lack of interest in popular education," the report says. "They were mainly the result of rural poverty."

"While the average annual earnings of individuals engaged in agriculture in Iowa were upward of \$1,000, the average earnings of those similarly engaged in some of the southern states are as low as \$150. The great bulk of the people of the southern states were simply not earning enough to provide proper homes and to support good schools."

Co-operates with Government. The board says that its program could not be carried out by the federal government, because while it was taking measures to combat the boll weevil it could not appropriate money for strictly educational purposes. "The board decided to work in conjunction with the government."

"In 1906, 345 farms were reached in the demonstration work," the report says. "A year later 2,834; in 1908, something over 14,000; in 1910, 68,022; in 1912, 104,621. Twenty-five thousand adults were at the last named date receiving instruction in Texas; over 15,000 in Oklahoma; over 15,000 in Arkansas; 10,000 in Alabama; 6,190 in Mississippi."

PLOT IN MANILA LEADS WILSON TO ORDER REPORT

Cables Gov. Gen. Harrison to
Give Information on Threat-
ened Rebellion.

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—(Special.) President Wilson has become so alarmed over conditions in the Philippines that he has cabled Gov. Gen. Harrison at Manila to inquire as to the truth of the reported discovery of a plot for a Filipino uprising. The message was sent by Brig. Gen. McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, at the war department.

Although the administration officials are loath to admit it, there has been a growing dissatisfaction with Democratic rule in the Philippines ever since Gov. Gen. Harrison assumed office. Last summer a plot for an uprising was frustrated. Although the administration made light of it at the time, the dissatisfaction has grown so steadily that today it was decided some action must be taken.

Agitators Are Active. Officials of the administration are reluctant to admit the fact, but it is known, nevertheless, that there is a greater activity of the professional agitators in the Philippines now than at any time since the insurrection was quelled. It is not a surprise to persons here familiar with Philippine conditions that these activities should at last be cropping out in the form of plots for risings and the like. The plots themselves, however, are not taken seriously, as it is known that they represent no universal desire upon the part of the mass of the Filipino people to take up arms against the United States.

Agitators Are Professionals. It is known that most of this work is being done by mixed bloods, shrewd and more cunning than the natives, and with a certain amount of higher education.

Baby James' Bryce Dies Suddenly. James Bryce, a 15 day old baby, died yesterday at the home of his parents at 2046 Russell street. His parents do not know the baby was ill until he became unconscious, when they summoned Dr. W. H. Meyer of 901 Center street. The baby was dead when he arrived, and he notified the coroner. An inquest probably will not be held.

tion, who manage to live in ease and luxury by fomentation.

Artemio Ricarte, named as the man responsible for the demonstration reported today, is one of these, and for years has maintained himself in comfort at Hongkong on contributions levied on Filipinos in the islands in the name of the cause of liberty.

Such men and their works are wholly familiar to all Americans of real experience in the islands. What is considered disturbing about the situation, however, is the increase in the number and activities of these agitators, together with the greater openness with which they have spread their propaganda against the United States. Ricarte, it is said, has now returned to the islands after many years spent in exile in China.

Trouble Was Predicted.

Just such an increase of agitation and fomentations of discontent among the people and clamorings for complete freedom were predicted with the installation of the Democratic administration in the Philippines accompanied by the removal of many men experienced in the ways of the islands. The Filipinos expected of the Democratic party after the party's fifteen years of agitation about the Philippines nothing short of absolute dissolution of the bond between the islands and the United States.

Men familiar with the islands realized that the Democratic party in power would find it impossible to live up to what they had pictured when in the minority and predicted that as a result the Democratic administration would have much more discontent to face in the Philippines than did the Republicans in the last few years.

Filipinos Angry at Democrats.

It is now realized in the Philippines that President Wilson has no intention of presenting the Filipinos with freedom from the United States at once, with the result that the concessions which the Democrats are seeking to make in the way of a greater degree of self-government have only angered the people because they fall so far short of what had been expected.

Thus, like President Wilson's efforts to bring peace to Mexico have resulted in a more chaotic condition there than ever before, so the administration's attempts to placate the Filipinos have made the latter more bitter against the Democrats than against the Republicans, who made no such talk about freedom.

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Here Are Injured Firemen. The firemen injured, all members of truck company No. 25, were: Capt. Edward Phelan, 124 North La-Trobe avenue; skull fractured; taken to St. Anne's hospital by the Austin police; may live.

John A. Waller, 125 South Parkland avenue; driver; fracture of left shoulder, leg sprained; taken home.

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BLAZE BREAKS UP HOLIDAY FEAST; 3 FIREMEN HURT

Street Car Hits Hook and Lad-
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Building.

The Christmas celebrations of eight families occupying the upper two floors of the Burnook building, a three story brick structure at 350-56 North Cicero avenue, were interrupted last night when fire starting in a store on the first floor filled the structure with smoke and drove them to the street.

The fire, which is believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion, caused a loss estimated at \$15,000. It destroyed one store, burned most of the porches at the rear of the structure, and damaged one flat on the second floor.

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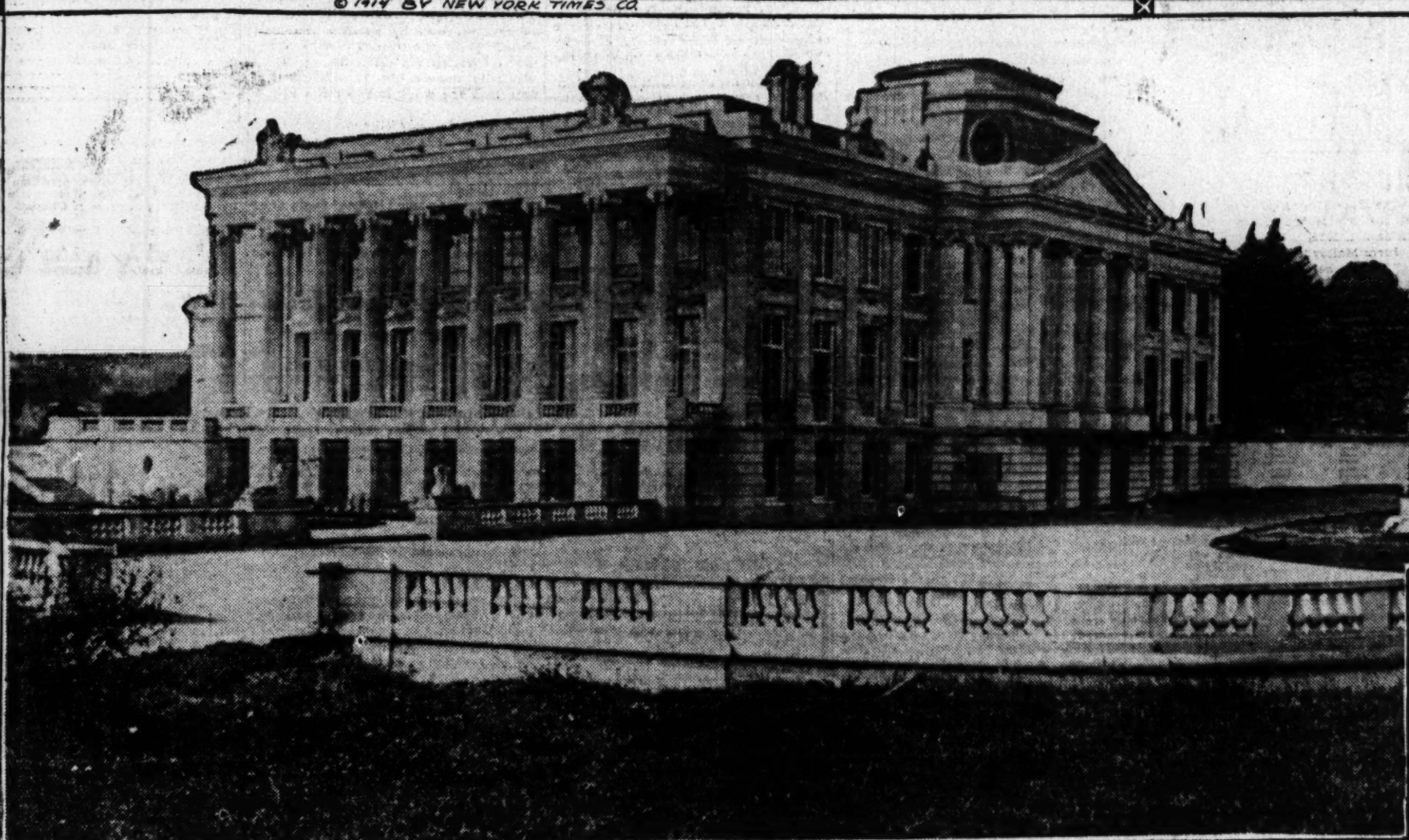
American Women Are Caring for England's Wounded Soldiers.



QUEEN MARY OF ENGLAND ENGAGED IN WAR HOSPITAL AND RELIEF WORK—The queen is taking a leading part in relief measures for the wounded soldiers and their families in England. She has shown particular interest in the work done by the American women's war relief organization. By contributing personally to the American women's war relief fund and visiting the American women's hospital at Paignton, Devonshire, she has shown England's appreciation of the assistance given. The picture shows the queen at the town house of Lord Blythe, the headquarters of her work for the women's fund.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S WAR RELIEF FUND—The picture shows (standing) Paris Singer, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, Walter Burns, Lady Henry, Mrs. Strawbridge, and Mrs. Walter Burns; (sitting) Mrs. Harcourt, Lady Randolph Churchill, Mrs. John Astor, Lady Paget, the Duchess of Marlborough, and Lady Lowther.



AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, OLDWAY HOUSE, PAIGNTON—This is one of the most beautiful and costly residences in all England and is owned by Paris Singer, whose wife is on the executive committee of the American Women's War Relief Fund.



MRS. RUTH BRYAN OWEN AND SON—Mrs. Owen, the daughter of William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, is taking a leading part in the work of the American Women's War Relief Fund.



DOCTORS AND NURSES OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AT OLDWAY HOUSE—All the members of this Red Cross staff are young American women from London and other English cities who have had training as nurses in the United States.



BATTLE LINE IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE—By constant hammering along the fortified line of the Germans from the North sea to the Vosges, the allies are gradually advancing at many points by infantry and artillery attacks. This is especially true on the left wing in the flat country along the Yser. Westende, Roulers, Lille, Armentieres, and Arras are now all held by the French and British armies. In the center between Reims and the Meuse some of the German first line trenches have been taken and strengthened. On the Meuse north of Verdun the allies have made perceptible progress.

"PUNCHES"

BY WILLIAMS
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Champion Batters Foe in
Ten Round Bout at
New York.

LEVINSKY GETS DRAW.

New York, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Kid Williams, bantamweight champion of the world, gave Johnny Daly a severe thrashing in a ten round bout at the Pioneer Athletic club this afternoon. The bout was carded as the star event of Christmas day boxing in Greater New York. Daly stood up under the punishment with good courage and lasted out the bout, although he was on the verge of collapse several times.

The big interest in the bout centered not so much in the winner as in the question of whether Daly would be able to go the limit with the champion. The question as to the winner was soon settled. Williams took the lead at the start and held it throughout. Daly did scarcely anything except to take all the punches that came his way.

It was said before the bout that Williams had been guaranteed \$2,000 by the managers of the club for his end. There was not that much money in the house, and on the way out the crowd wondered whether Williams had received all of the announced guarantee.

Flynn and Levinsky Draw.
The battle between "Rocky" Flynn and Battling Levinsky at the Broadway Sporting club in Brooklyn was a better attraction than the Williams-Daly bout. No true heavyweight boxers have fought a better battle than did Flynn and Levinsky. Each tried hard for a knockout. Each landed many hard punches, but both stood up under the punishment, and after ten rounds honors were even.

It was the second bout between the pair. In the first session, over a year ago, Levinsky outpointed Flynn by a wide margin. But today was a different matter and the battle only earned a "draw" by a long sustained rally in the last half of the bout.

Levinsky was dead on his feet in the first half of the bout, but when he was one of the slowest boxers in the ring, easily beat to the punch, and kept the batter pinned in corners and on the ropes nearly all the time.

"Rocky" Outwits Rival.
Levinsky conceded Flynn seven and three-quarter rounds, the respective weights being Levinsky, 175, and Flynn, 158. Flynn's terrific left and right swings to Levinsky's ribs and stomach caused him to only his rival's great courage enabled him to last the full ten rounds.

Levinsky got into action in the first half of the bout and several times had Flynn on his feet, but each time when Flynn tried to score a knockout came Levinsky's relief to follow him to the ropes.

Teddy Jacobs outpointed Frankie Brown in the main event at the Longacre was a pretty young guy who seemed him in the first few rounds, started the mugging and kept shouting words of encouragement to him during the last half of the bout.

Marty Cross, a brother of the famous Leah, pulled two hard a hitter for Frankie McCann, who quit in the eighth round.

"Kid" Taylor Defeated "Kid" Sullivan in a fast ten round bout at the Vanderbilt. Taylor dropped his opponent with a hard right hand aimed to the jaw in the seventh round, but could not win by a knockout.

WHITE REACHES SCENE OF FIGHT
New York, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Charley White, the Chicago lightweight stager, who was in the city for the first time, was seen in Milwaukee, where he was in a long bout with Freddie White, who was in the city for the first time.

White was accompanied by many friends, who came to see him in the city. He was seen in the city for the first time.

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CHICAGO BOXERS CAN'T FIND DOES

"Kayo" Brown and Fred Gilmore Idle Because Others Sidestep Them.

BY RAY C. PEARSON.
There are two Chicago fighting men who are simply aching to go into action, but are unable to do so for the reason that nobody wants to fight them. Both boys may be typed as high class millers, and while the promoters are willing enough to do their part in arranging matches they cannot find suitable opponents for them.

First and probably the most important of this pair is George ("Knockout") Brown, the Greek middleweight, who for the last couple of years has been fighting everything in the middleweight ranks who could be sent against him. He has not dodged anybody. He has tackled Mike Osborne, the "St. Paul Phantom," Jack Dillon, the tough Indianapolis boy, and numerous others, who have failed to stop him. Brown has improved considerably in the last year, and it seems that the other boys in his class are well aware of the fact, for he is finding it hard to get anybody to meet him now.

No Answer from Chip.
Frank Mulken, the Milwaukee promoter, has been spending a good deal of his time in the last week trying to sign up some middleweight to fight Brown, but to date he has failed. First he went after Billy Murray, the Pacific coast batter, who has a pretty fair record, but the best he got for his troubles was a telegram that Murray didn't care to be bothered with the fight.

The other local boy who is looking for action but can't get it is Freddie Gilmore, son of the Adams street boxing instructor. Young Gilmore has been trying to make an appearance as a professional miller for the last four months, and at that time has arranged no less than three matches, all of which fell through for various reasons. Twice Gilmore was matched to battle Jack Denny, the New Orleans welterweight, but each time his opponent found a reason to sidestep the clash. Now Freddie is wondering if he will get a chance to show how good he is.

Mike Snyder in Shape.
The fractured knuckle on his left hand, which has been undergoing treatment for the last eight days, is mending and it is expected that he is fit to battle "Goats" Dolg in the return match at Persh on New Year's afternoon. Snyder won the decision over Dolg at their meeting and is confident he will repeat the feat.

MAGRIL VICTOR IN FOURTH.
New York, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Art Magril, the Oklahoma welterweight, defeated Pete Shaughnessy at Fort Worth, Tex., in four rounds in the first round of the fight. Magril was in a fast but not dangerous fight. He was in a fast but not dangerous fight. He was in a fast but not dangerous fight.

TED LEWIS SHADES O'BRIEN.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Ted Lewis, the welterweight champion of Europe and Australia, defeated "Young" O'Brien in a fast but not dangerous fight. Lewis was in a fast but not dangerous fight. Lewis was in a fast but not dangerous fight.

Maroons to Play Haskell Indians.

FOR the first time in two years the University of Chicago football schedule will not be entirely filled by western conference opponents. The Haskell Indians of Lawrence, Kas., will journey to Chicago on Nov. 6 to meet the Maroons. The break in the all-conference schedule was due to the failure of the Iowa authorities to schedule a game with the Maroons. The Haskell Indians will come north twice during the football season, meeting Notre Dame at Notre Dame in the other engagement.

BLANKS OUT FOR A. A. U. MAT BOUTS

I. A. C. Issues First Call for Scraps on Jan. 16 and Feb. 6.
Officials of the Illinois Athletic Club have started the circulation of entry blanks for the Central A. A. U. wrestling championships, which will be held in the tri-colo gymnasium on Jan. 16 and Feb. 6. Of the eight titles to be contested four will be decided in the first of the series, the remaining half on the later date.

Bouts on Jan. 16 will be for bantamweights, 108 pounds or under; special weights, 145 pounds or under; welterweights, 155 pounds or under; featherweights, 175 pounds or under. On Feb. 6 the show will include contests for featherweight grapplers, weighing not more than 115 pounds; lightweight, less than 130 pounds; middleweights, 155 pounds, and heavyweight.

W. G. Uffendell, chairman of the I. A. C. athletic committee, has charge of the entries. Nominations for the first contests close on Jan. 9 and for the second bout on Jan. 30. The entrance fee is \$1 per man in each class. Central A. A. U. rules will govern the competition. The usual gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded.

DAN O'LEARY SHOWS SPEED TO FOUR YOUTHFUL KICKERS.

Dan O'Leary, the 23 year old pole vaulter, enjoyed an ideal Christmas, Dan's cheerful, bounding spirit up four youthful athletes, who boasted of their prowess as kickers. Dan finally "kicked" them into a fifteen mile hike to Whiting, Ind. Dan's four victims were James Bennett, John O. Rooney, Charles R. Phillips, and Edward J. McCarthy.

GOULD JUDGE AT DOG SHOW.
New York, Dec. 25.—Jay Gould, champion boxer, will judge the dog show at the Madison Square Garden on New Year's afternoon. Gould is a well known dog fancier and has been a judge at several dog shows.

CHAMPION GOTCH TO GRAPPLE HERE

Mat King to Meet Unnamed Star in Actual Bout for the Movies.
However, it has come to be recognized by baseball men that there is a belt in Ohio, Indiana, and western Pennsylvania which for years has been the exclusive of successful ball players than any other similar section of the country. Some of this prominence is attributed to the fact this section has been under the personal observation of Bob Quinn.

Quinn Ever Watchful.
Quinn is familiar with all the methods employed in baseball warfare, and, in fact, was one of the prime movers in the formation of the National Association of Minor Leagues when the late war between the American and National leagues was in progress.

Trouble with Arthur Irwin.
One of the chief causes for the failure of the New York Yankees to cut any figure in the American league race for the last few seasons was ascribed by Frank Chance to the incompetence of Arthur Irwin, business manager and scout under the Farrell-Dwyer regime.

KONEY WON'T QUIT FEDS; NEITHER WILL PERRITT.
Providence, R. I., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Ed Koney, the 14 year old boy, who was a member of the Federal Reserve Bank, is not going to quit his job. He is not going to quit his job. He is not going to quit his job.

BROWN ARRANGES 22 GAMES.
Providence, R. I., Dec. 25.—The Brown baseball schedule contains twenty-two games, the same number as last year. The newcomers on the schedule are Providence, Springfield, V. M. C. A., and the Chinese university. New York University, Providence, and the Chinese university are the newcomers.

WRESTLER SEEKS MATCHES.
Heavyweight wrestlers who are looking for action may be accommodated by communicating with Walter Bennett of Portsmouth, N. H., who styles himself the Polish champion. Bennett claims victories over "Young" O'Brien, Mike Snyder, and other champions.

EVANS TO WRESTLE MYERS.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 25.—Walter Evans of St. Paul will wrestle Mike Myers of St. Paul on New Year's afternoon. Evans is a well known wrestler and Myers is a newcomer.

St. Louis, Mo., Hamilton, 1.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—The Columbus club will play the Hamilton club on New Year's afternoon. Columbus is a well known club and Hamilton is a newcomer.

Indoor Meet For Georgetown.
The Georgetown university indoor track meet will be held in Washington, D. C., Feb. 27. The meet will be a well known event and Georgetown is a well known team.

OFFERED BUSINESS CARES OF YANKEE TEAM

Columbus Official May Be Financial Manager of New York Club.
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Robert Quinn, alias Bob, financial manager of the Columbus club, came yesterday to New York for the purpose of offering business cares of the Yankee team.

Success in Baseball.
On account of the consistent financial success of the Columbus club and the personal hardihood of the Ohio State league in spite of handicaps it has had to survive, similar to the floods of 1913 which wiped out part of its circuit, friends of Bob Quinn have wondered why he was not shanghaied by major league capitalists before this. In fact, his uncommon managerial ability would have been recognized and rewarded by the owners of the Cincinnati Reds long before he was in the possession of Hancock, who has been in charge of the Red finances for many years.

In addition to a keen business sense which has enabled him to convert many a prospective deficit into a near dividend, Quinn has demonstrated that he is an excellent judge of ball players. His scouting ability has been in great demand, but he has been too busy to devote much time to it.

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Tribute from New Owners.
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Preach on War in Christmas Pulpits

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"Universal peace is bound to come but the nations will have to become Christian nations before this comes to pass," said Bishop Charles P. Anderson in the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul. "There are millions of Christians in the United States but the United States is not a Christian nation. Her dealings with the Indians show that."

"There are millions of Christians in England but England is not a Christian nation. Her opium traffic in China and her liquor trade in Africa prove that. There are millions of Christians in Germany, but Germany was a Christian nation she would not now be engaged in war."

"Every war will be an international war and there can be no peace until there is universal peace."

Bishop Alexander J. McGavick, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Angels, 607 Oakwood boulevard, warned the people of the United States not to forget in our criticisms of Europe that we, too, have had our wars without thinking that Christianity was the cause. "We hear nowadays that Christianity has failed," Bishop McGavick said. "And all because of the present European war. It is urged that Christianity has failed, first because it allowed the European conflict; second, because it doesn't stop it. This is especially heard here in America, and it comes with ill grace. One would think that Americans had never engaged in war. We have had terrible conflicts, and it never occurred to us then that Christianity had failed. Christianity does not guarantee perpetual peace—it does guarantee justice, and war may at times be just."

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LOVE LETTERS

DORIS BLAKE SAYS:

"No man ever sees a pretty woman without wondering how her chump of a husband ever got her."

If you know how to write a love letter or if you have in your possession a letter that has heart interest or comedy or lots of love in it send it to me at once. "The Tribune" will pay \$5 for every letter published. Address Doris Blake, Chicago Tribune.

Wants the Little Home.

"Dearest Boy: I have just come in from a long walk alone. I saw the sky change from red and orange to twilight purple, and it made me think of the day, long ago, when you and I walked to Stockport. That was when we first knew and loved each other."

"Boy, your letter hurt me. You know I am proud of your ambition to work your way through college, and I realize what a struggle it was financially. So I waited gladly for you to pay off those debts and tried to be patient when the time seemed long. But all the time I was planning for our little home. So I was very happy when, a year ago, you paid off the last debt."

"Now you write that you do not feel justified in asking me to marry you until you have accumulated a large sum of money for possible illness or misfortune. Do you really want to watch the hundreds of dollars pile up while we live on, missing the best life, losing these years together while we are young? I know it is a big responsibility, but I'll help—I'll love to help, and you'd be surprised to see how happy two people can be in just a tiny flat!"

"Yesterday I went to the box where are stored my pretty towels and table linen. I'm afraid I cried a little, because I want the little home so much, and it is so lonesome waiting. The money wouldn't pile up so fast, perhaps, but we would be together—and you are worth more to me than any bank account."

"Write me, dearest, say you'll find the little home and then come soon and get it. You are my girl."

Submitted by Alice E. Shurtliff, 815 Lake avenue, Wilmette, Ill.

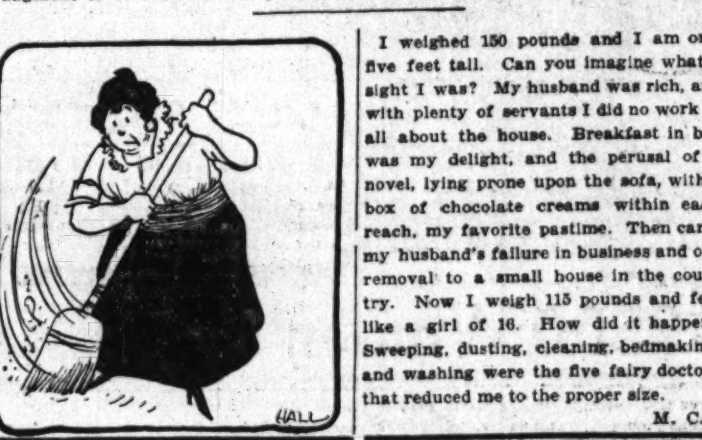


She Went to Work, and Got Small.

Alfred Russell

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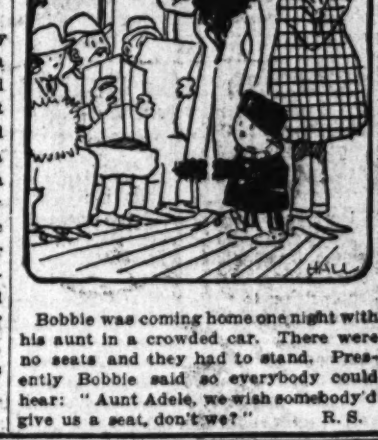
HAVE seen women beautifully gowned who would be attractive but for the streaks of rouge and black crayon they have slapped on their faces. They were society women. When makeup is used it should be applied artistically. Otherwise it should be left off. I asked one friend of mine why she did not blend her rouge, or why she used it at all. She replied that she loves rose cheeks at any price—that every one knew she painted, so there was no use in her trying to disguise it. There are times when a little color upon the cheeks and lips is positively necessary. When one is obliged to wear the rouged stick is taken in hand. Study your face closely and carefully before you leave your boudoir if you do not wish harsh and unkind judgment to be the result of your use of rouge.



BRIGHT SAYINGS OF THE CHILDREN

"The Tribune" will pay \$1 for each childish saying printed. The stories may be sent in either by children or their parents. The only condition is the story told must never have been printed in any magazine or paper. Address bright sayings to Auntie Dee, "Tribune," Chicago.

I weighed 150 pounds and I am only five feet tall. Can you imagine what a sight I was? My husband was rich, and with plenty of servants I did not work at all about the house. Breakfast in bed was my delight, and the perusal of a novel, lying prone upon the sofa, with a box of chocolate creams within easy reach, my favorite pastime. Then came my husband's failure in business and our removal to a small house in the country. Now I weigh 115 pounds and feel like a girl of 16. How did it happen? Sweeping, dusting, cleaning, bedmaking, and washing were the five fair duties that reduced me to the proper size.

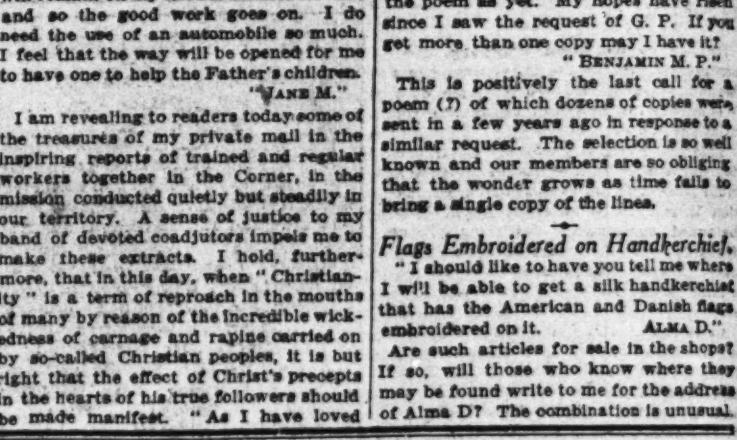


MARION HARLAND'S HELPING HAND

How the Good Work Goes On.

HAVE conferred this week with that admirable woman and fellow-worker, Mrs. C. F. I am thankful to know her. She uses a borrowed motor car in her benevolent rounds. I heard today of another colleague who owns one. She lives too far away to be of service with the car, but I shall call upon her some time and exchange ideas upon this line of work. Everything will come out all right, I am sure. I found two more worthy families this week and helped them. It seems I have just the right things for the right people. Some are able to come and see their bundles. To those who are not able I send by express. Your letters have put me into touch with some helpless that will remain on my list for further service, and so the good work goes on. I do need the use of an automobile so much. I feel that the way will be opened for me to have one to help the Father's children.

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Bobbie was coming home one night with his aunt in a crowded car. There were no seats and they had to stand. Presently Bobbie said to everybody who heard: "Aunt Adele, we wish somebody'd give us a seat, don't we?" R. S.

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Society and Entertainments

CHRISTMAS day was accepted by a number of Chicago couples as the proper time for announcing their engagements. More announcements were made public than for many days.

Among them is the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Albright of 407 West Madison street of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Broughton Albright, to T. Kenneth Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boyd of North Fifth, Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Mabe of 2131 Prairie avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Emeline, to August P. Sievers Jr. of 5030 Kenmore avenue. Miss Mabe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boyd of North Fifth, Toronto, Ontario.

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lawton of 307 East 81st street of the engagement of their daughter, Mary Hazel Swart, to Arthur G. Stanten, both of Edgewater.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Mabel Kingsley, daughter of Mrs. F. W. Kingsley of 5455 North LaSalle, to Norman C. Kieser of Gary, Ind. Miss Kingsley will give a luncheon today to members of the Phi Gamma Psi society at her home in honor of the announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Greenberg of 4800 Prairie avenue announce the engagement of their niece, Rae Smith Greenberg, to Ralph Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Stone.

Another engagement is that of Miss Julia Rosenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenberg of 2433 North Albany avenue, to Charles Kourah, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kourah of 4617 West Grace street. No date has been set for the wedding.

Harvard university's traveling minstrel, members of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin clubs, will reach Chicago on Wednesday for their concert that evening at Orchestra hall.

This year's trip is the fourth Christmas journey made by the Harvard Musical clubs since 1907, and the present organization is said to be an exceptionally well-balanced combination with many new features. Edwin C. Larned is local manager. Society has planned a number of dinner parties and many boxes have been sold.

Members of the clubs will be guests at the home of Mrs. George A. McKinley, 712 Rush street, for a tea-dance the afternoon they arrive, from 4 to 6 o'clock, and after the concert Mrs. Joseph J. Worth will give a dance at her home, 1200 Lake Shore drive.

Proceeds of this trip will go to the Belgian relief fund.

The patronesses for the concert are as follows:

HARVARD.
 Frances Adams, Joseph G. Coleman, Pamela W. Rutherford, William C. Boylen, Louis C. Brown, Frederick W. Burlingame, Benjamin Carpenter, George A. Carpenter, J. Ogden Armour, Albert H. Sprague II, Cyrus Bennett, Theodore D. Stephens, John J. Mitchell, Everett Palmer, Theodore W. Robinson, Russell T. Young, Douglas H. Schwab, John H. Wigmore, Thelma Smith, David R. Foggan.

James Douglas, David R. Foggan. The Chicago minstrel making his tour this year. They are Arthur Dixon III, of Oak Park, S. P. Griffith and D. H. Ingram, who was this year chosen assistant manager of the clubs.



MISS HELEN MACDONALD

Commercial High Grads to Unite.

GRADUATES of the commercial courses in the public high schools are to be formed into improvement clubs under the guidance of William Bachrach, supervisor of commercial education. Mr. Bachrach believes that through the organizations ambitious young men and women will be able to better themselves materially, to keep out of "blind alley" positions, to assist each other in getting work if out of employment, and to learn what further education is necessary for advancement in positions they are holding.

Mr. Bachrach announced yesterday the organization of the first of the alumni clubs. It is composed of fifty boys and girls who graduated from the two year commercial course at the Harrison Technical High school. Mr. Bachrach is carrying on an investigation of the commercial status of all graduates of the commercial courses, and a list of questions has been sent to all those addresses were known.

It was found the average wage at going to work after graduating varied from \$7.13 to \$7.30 a week. The class of June, 1912, has the best record with an average initial salary of \$7.30. It is believed that the graduates of the February and June classes of 1913 will have the poorest showing because of the business depression. Out of twenty-six graduates of the June class only nine have work at present. Nine more have had no positions and eight others have had temporary positions during the summer. The average beginning wage was \$7.13 and the average present salary is \$7.50, making an average increase of 56 cents in six months.

The average present salary of the June, 1912, class is \$12.14, showing an average increase of \$4.84 for two and one-half years. The average increase in salary for the graduates of the February and June classes of 1913 was \$3.70 for a year and ten months. The class of last February has received an average increase of \$1.40 for ten months of work.

All the graduates of the commercial courses are required to take the tests of the different typewriter houses, and nine of those reporting from the Harrison school were placed through these houses. "We expect to help not only those who already have graduated, but we hope to improve the course so future graduates will be able to command better salaries."

Then when a position is open, we advise each person of the fact and suggest that he look into the matter. We shall keep a record of the character of the work each person is doing and get his opinion of the course which help him most in his work. In this way we shall be able to eliminate useless courses and improve the valuable courses.

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Marshall Field & Co

A Sale of "Hurt" Books

An accumulation of Books—slightly damaged by the handling of gift-shopping crowds—have been greatly reduced for prompt clearance.

Books of Travel, Art, Biography and Fiction Books for Juveniles

We have conveniently assembled these according to price—so that book-lovers will find many a volume, little the worse for handling, at much less than its regular cost.

Prices: 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Third Floor, North Room, Wabash Avenue.

Music and the Theater

"At the Ball," Yes—and No.

BY PERRY HAMMOND.

IN case I am importuned by anxious inquirers to state what musical comedy, if any, is my favorite, I shall not say that it is "At the Ball," the amiable clutter of song, dance, and story with which the American Music hall yesterday restored itself as a titular place of amusement.

The play is by Mr. Philip Bartholomae, who, though he comes of an eminent family of engineers, is not remarkable for his constructive gifts, and by the dormitories Miss Alice Gerstenberg, who has made a profound study of life as it is lived by the underdog, underdog in our feminist institutions of learning.

Thus it is a naive and adolescent diversion, replete with suggestions of fudge, orange, and the trivial and commonplace of those who are unfortunate enough to be young and gay.

As an ode to the sage, weary and sophisticated, the words of these Peter Pan operettas should be tabbed with their age as well as their cognomen. "At the Ball," by Alice Gerstenberg and Philip Bartholomae, sixteen, would be an ideal play for the three or four wise men of the Union loop. However, there it is, like youth, a dancing willow, winds behind and rocks before, at the American Music hall until further notice.

With two such innocents at the helm, one wonders in an old fashioned way about the genuineness of certain remarks which creep crimson into the virgin lips of the guests of the home come into view, Miss Alice Gerstenberg, in a corkscrew curl part, asks somewhat sagaciously, "Did you see the mole on her hip?" And later Miss Hegeman sings a song that certainly did not come from the pale pen of a debutante, male or female. But otherwise the proceedings are as pure as heaven's soft azure and just as exciting.

"At the Ball" has had as many lives as a cat and as many names, too, and Miss Gerstenberg was forced to avoid Mr. Bartholomae publicly before he gave her credit for helping him to write it. Social struggle, necessary duke, comical and attractive valet, romantic but (with dashes), trunk into which comedian sneezes himself, and an impudent May Vokes slavey are the characters who constitute nothing much with which to inspire hope that the new generation of librettists will be livelier than the old. The lyric rhyme and are divided into solos, duets, trios, and cetera, and they are rather bright. But—and Mr. Bartholomae and Miss Gerstenberg will hate me for this friendly warning—"At the Ball" doesn't stand a chance. It is not in the new and difficult scheme of things.

I wish, however, to reiterate my admiration for the antic proceedings of Mr. T. Roy Barnes, who strikes like a Gulliver through the Lilliputian fable of "At the Ball." Mr. Barnes is two years ahead of his time. He is one of the best of the musical comedy iconoclasts, kicking over the waxen tenor, who, astride the café table, bays at the moonlight and his lady love. He is a musical comedian with a sense of humor; he can be clown and hero at one and the same time. And he saves "At the Ball" for those who have reached their sophomore year in musical comedy. Mr. Barnes has two sides in his effort—the self-satisfied Mr. Donald McDonald and the agile and "expert" Miss Anna Wheaton.

Christmas Dinners for 15,000

A free Christmas dinner for 15,000 of Chicago's poor will be provided by the Volunteers of America. The dinner will be served tomorrow afternoon at the First Regiment armory, Michigan boulevard and East Sixteenth street. One thousand five hundred deserving families whose needs have been carefully ascertained by investigation will receive baskets.

The names of the Theaters showing ZUDORA will be found listed under their respective districts in the spaces shown below.

Chicagoans Drop Into Fairyland Come True.

BY FANNY BUTCHER.

STRAIT into Fairyland come true journeyed the audience that did its Christmas afternoon at the Auditorium theater. The bright lights of every day and every night blinked shut, the audience rubbed its eyes to be sure that it saw true Fairyland and not a dream picture, and all sorts of wonderful things happened.

First of all there was music, as there always is in Fairyland. Then magic curtains parted and there was a little room and children just as real as the little boys and girls in the audience. They sang and they danced, and they were asked for playing in their work, just like everyday little children.

Soon wonderful things happened to them. They got lost in a wood and went to sleep, and angels, real angels with shining golden wings, walked down the shining steps from heaven and made the sort of picture that good little boys and girls dream about sometimes.

As if that weren't proof enough that Fairyland could come true, the realists in the whole world swooped down on them and hocus-poccured them into sorts of things. But just when she was going to wave them into the fire they pushed her in instead, and then they danced straight into the arms of their anxious mother and father.

That would have been enough to convince almost any doubter, but when a whole hall full of dolls came to life and danced and made love and leaped into the air and hocus-poccured them into there wasn't one disbeliever left in the big theater.

I wondered when I took my seat if the afternoon really could mean a little bit of heaven to the youngsters who were invited by the Century Opera and the Pavlova companies to hear their first opera and to see their first ballet.

I wondered if when night time came and the worn stub of the ticket was treasured away as a tangible proof that the afternoon had been a reality, there would be any heart aching for a dream unrealized.

No better choice could have been made than "Hänsel and Gretel" for the opera company and "Puppen Feen" for Miss Pavlova's company, but—when Hänsel and Gretel had made their certain bows many times, with their parents and the whole audience, they were taken to a wonder land. The audience was literally lifted out of everyday life and plunged down into fairyland.

Every one in the company sang his and her best, and again song and excitement with lavishment which must have been prompted by the Spirit of Christmas.

Kathleen Howard as the witch captivated the children and the adults, charmed with glee, and thereupon she anticked some more for their delight.

Miss Pavlova and her company never danced with more exquisite joy, and they never found a more appreciative audience than yesterday's.

Many a little heart that has always wondered why Fairyland never comes true, will remember, and wonder no more.

Gamma Sigma Holds Annual Dance

The annual Christmas dance of Eta chapter of Gamma Sigma fraternity was given at the Evanston Country club last night. The patronesses were: Mrs. E. U. Kimbark, Mrs. A. M. Foster, Mrs. Frank Whitler Smith, Mrs. Rufus C. Davis, Mrs. Chester A. Cook, and Mrs. William D. Washburn.

Prof. Matheus to Speak

Prof. Shailer Mathews will speak tomorrow on "Militant Idealism" at the Englewood Sunday evening club, Yale avenue and Sixty-fourth street.

News of Chicago Clubs and Societies.

MOST of the serious activities of the women's clubs have been suspended for the holidays. Many children's parties are to be given, however. Among the parties to be given for children will be the annual affairs of the South Shore Country club and the Southern club.

On Monday, parties will be given by the West End Catholic Women's club, the Ravenswood Women's club, the Women's club of Austin, the North End club, the West End Women's club, and the Oak Park club.

Among the children's parties Tuesday will be those of the Rogers Park Women's club, the Park Manor Women's club, the Millard Avenue Women's club, the Women's Organization of Retail Druggists, the Brookfield Women's club, the Woodlawn Women's club, and the Illinois club.

Wednesday the Congress Park Women's club and the Willing Workers will give parties to the children at their members.

The Catholic Women's league has given up its Christmas party this year and the money will be used to help poor families in Chicago which are being cared for by the league.

Glenn Frank of Northwestern university will be toastmaster at the seventh annual dinner to the sons of members of the Chicago Association of Commerce next Wednesday at the congress hotel. The speakers will be Robert C. Zupke, coach of the University of Illinois champion football team; Dr. F. J. H. Farrell, former surgeon general of the Army of the Philippines; and Richard Henry Little, war correspondent.

Richwood Country club will give a dance this evening.

Young women of the North End club auxiliary will give a Christmas party today to the children of the Home for Destitute Crippled Children. Fifteen automobiles have been provided by members of the club to take the children to the home of the chairman of the auxiliary, Mrs. Martin Kent Northam, 6228 Winthrop avenue. There will be a dinner, a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and gifts for the children, and an automobile ride along the lake will close the party.

Dr. Evans Tells the Truth About "Twilight Sleep" in Tomorrow's Tribune!

During the last year acres have been written throughout the world about the method said to make childbirth painless, popularly known as "twilight sleep." Dr. W. A. Evans, Tribune health editor, a national authority on medicine and surgery, tells the truth about the process. His review and comment upon this widely discussed subject will consist of two articles. The first will appear tomorrow on the editorial page of The Tribune. The second will appear on the editorial page of The Tribune of January 3.

SOMETHING THAT WILL LAST YOU A YEAR!—The Tribune tomorrow presents you a striking page in four colors. "The Calendar Girl of 1915" is represented by a conception by Valley of a beautiful Red Cross girl, surrounded by date slips of each month in the coming year. It is a work of art that will adorn the office or the home.

WILL BRITAIN'S NAVY STRANGLE GERMANY?—The late Rear Admiral Mahan's book, "The Influence of Sea Power on History," is recognized alike in Germany and England as authoritative. It probably had as much as anything else to do with the feverish and constant naval preparation that went on for so many years in both countries, and may be said to have been as much of a factor as any other book or document in precipitating the present world war. England has long been recognized as mistress of the seas. As such she brought about Napoleon's downfall. It remains to be seen whether she will do the same with the Kaiser. The Tribune tomorrow devotes two pages to the reproduction of a few of Britain's tremendously long list of giant sea fighters, accompanied by a review of and significant extracts from Mahan's book.

THE MAN BRUTE AND THE WOMAN HE STOLE!—Another story by Rex Becht, the Red Blood King of Fiction.

There's not a 2 tell you any thing about Ring Lardner except that if we didn't remind you you might forget that he will have their bill to state artist in which he will kill somebody or something in two (3) morrow's paper. You know me!

Hans and Fritz, Dirks' incomparably funny kids, wish you a Happy New Year, as do also Old Doc Yak and Mamma's Angel Child.

Features—hundreds of them—for the high, low and medium brow, in

Tomorrow's Sunday Tribune

High Class Motion Picture Theaters

(The possibility of a film not reaching a theater on time makes the program subject to change.)

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THE JULIAN BELMONT AVE. NEAR CLARK ST. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Six Reels Shown Each Day Featuring Marc MacDermott, Harry Myers, Francis X. Bushman, Beverly Bayne, Kathryn Williams.		ARGMORE ARGYLE AND KENMORE "Daughters of Men"—3 Part Serial. A present day story of the life of the wife between capital and labor.	
Bryn Mawr Theater 1115 Bryn Mawr (at Michigan Station). LEAVE PHOTO PLAYS TODAY.		STEVEN'S 3952 Broadway Feature Photo Plays Today	
KENMORE WILSON AND KENMORE Sunday--Reported by Request. 2 Reel Keystone Comedy with Clara Chaplin.		DELUXE WILSON AND CLIFTON A Premiere Presentation--2 Reel Comedy. "Through the Keyhole"—Edison Comedy.	
NORTH SHORE 6110 Sheridan Road. IN "The Romance of an Actress."		WEST SIDE LION 1714 W. 18TH ST. Fifth Episode	
STANDARD 170 North Clark Street. "Flirty Falls Into Love"—2 Reel Comedy. PARK 6118 North Clark Street. "The Police Dog"—Edison.		WEST SIDE Crawford Crawford Avenue, near Madison Street ALL CARS RUN TO THE DOOR TODAY 1:30 TO 11 P. M. George Kline Presents The Unconquered Melodramatic Farce Officer 666 IN 5 PARTS, FEATURING Howard Estabrook and a Cast of the Original Stars Do Not Miss This 10c--ALL SEATS--10c.	
WEST SIDE Marshall 2915 West 22nd St. ZUDORA 5th Episode		SOUTH SIDE KENWOOD 47th and Kimbark TODAY--MATTINEE AND EVENING "THE IDLER" 5 Acts--712 Scenes Featuring CATHERINE COUNTESS and CHARLES RICHMAN	
President Wilson's Message to Congress. THE OPEN FORUM. OUR IMMORAL MORALS COURT. Uldah L. Potter-Loomis, Well Known Writer, Lecturer, and 111 613, Madison Temple, 8:00 P. M. HERBERT TAFT ROOT, CHAIRMAN OPEN DISCUSSION. "WHAT CHICAGO NEEDS MOST." PRESTON BRADLEY. PEOPLES CHURCH, Wilson Avenue Theater, 11 A. M.		VISTA 47th St. & Cottage Grove Bon Ventilation Theatre in Chicago TODAY--MATTINEE AND EVENING MAY I WIN Everybody's Favorite & Mrs. BLACK is BACK Revisited & in Mrs. BLACK is BACK Extra at Matinee "PECK'S BAD BOY" Extra New on Screen Year's Best Midnight Show	
Chicago Ethical Society, PINE ARTHS THEATER, 408 S. Michigan Ave. Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11 A. M. EPHRAIM. Mr. Horace J. Bridges. Life and Eternity: A Meditation for the New Year." THEOSOPHY, WANT HALL, 116 S. MICHIGAN AV. 8 P. M. "Dickens" Christmas Carol. A P. M. "Dickens" Christmas Carol. 2:30 P. M. "Dickens" Christmas Carol. 8:00 P. M. "Dickens" Christmas Carol. PUBLIC CO-OPERATIVE, 117 N. WABASH.		GOLD 341 W. 12th THE STRAIGHT ROAD Featuring Gladys Hanson 5 Act Powerful Drama	
DAY MORNING CLUB, Theater, Western and Armstrong Ave. 11 A. M. Josephine Raymond, EREOPTIC MEXICO.		18th St. 1343 WEST 18th ST. ZUDORA 5th Episode	
IRIS 5747 Chicago Av. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EXTRA BIG VAUDEVILLE SHOW.		KEDZIE ANNEX MADISON "Any Woman's Choice"—2 Part S. & A. With Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne.	
BEACH 1504 East 51st Boulevard SPECIAL MATINEE FOR CHILDREN Evening--"Flow of the Ranches."		SOUTHWEST SIDE LINDEN 800 W. 12TH ST. "THE GAME OF LIFE"	

Dickensians Will Like These Books.

BY ELIA W. PRATT.

HOPKINSON SMITH, last writer and illustrated with his characteristic pencil and brush. "IN DICKENS' LONDON," in which he recalls the charm of the London of the days of Bos as only a man of his generation can (Northern). No need any young among us all hope to delight in this book as we can who held the characters of Dickens' stories in the close intimacy of our lives, making them the proof of our proverb, the point of our jests, and the cause of our tears. The book contains about thirty illustrations, full pages, and vignettes from charcoal drawings. They are in Hopkinson Smith's best style. This will be a charming gift book for the person of the right generation. There is positively no use in trying to give the present generation under Dickens. They think they have clinched their negative when they are not artistic. They might as well say that their grandmothers were not artistic and so refuse to revive her memory. Artistic! Come, little young ones, and tell us what is art? Is it something that lifts you out of your own life into a world of fancy and idealism? Is it something that makes the creature of the pen live and breathe as if they were the veritable works of the Creator? Is it something that makes your heart glow with a vicarious joy and your laughter ring for a mirth you have not personally known? Is it something that makes you broader, kinder, more tolerant, that intensifies your own ideals, that helps you to a higher plane than you could have attained alone? Is it something that mitigates the tedium of heavy days that gives you rich company in lonely hours that increases the throbs of your heart and bids you lift your head and hold it high? Is it something that sets you singing about your tasks and commands you to be noble though you are scorned? Is it something that gives you the power to be ideal, that helps you to a higher plane than you could have attained alone? Is it something that mitigates the tedium of heavy days that gives you rich company in lonely hours that increases the throbs of your heart and bids you lift your head and hold it high? Is it something that sets you singing about your tasks and commands you to be noble though you are scorned? Is it something that gives you the power to be ideal, that helps you to a higher plane than you could have attained alone?

Mrs. Hugh Fraser Is in Love with West.

BY JEANNETTE L. GILDER.

MRS. HUGH FRASER seems to have inherited the gifts of her family. She is half-sister of the late Marion Crawford. She has written a novel or two, but she will be best known by her books of recollections. As a diplomat's wife, as a citizen of the world, she has seen much that was worth seeing and has recorded what she has seen in a most agreeable manner. Mrs. Fraser's latest book, "SEVEN YEARS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE" (Dodd, Mead), is written in collaboration with her youngest son. In 1908, on her return from Japan, Mrs. Fraser spent two months in the Pacific Slope, intending to go back to Japan, but she had a nervous breakdown, so she decided to stay out west and see if the "strange, wild, peaceful world" in which she lived would not cure her. She stayed there for six months and she was cured. "So the wilderness caught me and held me fast, as it was holding my son, and for another year and a half we were there by ourselves. My mother, very kindly, was growing stronger and saner every day. England, of a sharp November evening, may remind. The veldt at certain moments may suggest, but that yet seems to be further away. The garden gate? And Africa has no 'tang', no frost, and no twilights. In both countries, too, one feels 'small,' a mental illusion, which does not affect one on the spot. Mrs. Fraser's book is a never-ending, which she is at and old, and bare, and terrible, and mysterious. Anything may spring up under our feet in Africa, but though it may terrify, it never seems unkind. England looks like the heartstrings too much. Most of the time Mrs. Fraser lived in the woods, but part of the time she lived in the town, and of all that she saw and heard, she is telling us in this book. "Ah, good, bright, trusting little city of Spokane, where the milk of human kindness was never skimmed, from across the seas and under the stars. I saw you, and always by example, and the thought of you will be at me and an inspiration to the last day of my life."

'Persons Unknown,' a Good Mystery Story.

BY HERBERT CAYTON.

THE STORY of "PERSONS UNKNOWN," by Virginia Tracy, is a very seldom one finds a plot of which it may be said that it is too complicated, and this Miss Tracy's contrives to say that at times there is too much uninteresting and unnecessary detail. The story is exceptionally good up to the middle, and would be the better after that for a 50 per cent reduction of the remainder. The reviewer has to state this comment for the benefit of the author, who shows real talent for the sort of romance, rather than for the reader, who will find "Persons Unknown" the whole an absorbing story. The heroine is an exceptional character, the mystery and suspense are sufficiently sustained, and enough of love interest colors the action to provide that desirable ingredient of pastime fiction. The story is laid in New York, and turns upon the murder of a prominent young publisher, the implication of a popular actor and actress, the motives of an astonishing coroner, a gifted district attorney, and the dark and the developing influence of the nature of which the reader is left to the reader to decide. Anybody can devise a mystery. Few writers of stories of this species can do so, and that yet seems to be further away. The garden gate? And Africa has no 'tang', no frost, and no twilights. In both countries, too, one feels 'small,' a mental illusion, which does not affect one on the spot. Mrs. Fraser's book is a never-ending, which she is at and old, and bare, and terrible, and mysterious. Anything may spring up under our feet in Africa, but though it may terrify, it never seems unkind. England looks like the heartstrings too much. Most of the time Mrs. Fraser lived in the woods, but part of the time she lived in the town, and of all that she saw and heard, she is telling us in this book. "Ah, good, bright, trusting little city of Spokane, where the milk of human kindness was never skimmed, from across the seas and under the stars. I saw you, and always by example, and the thought of you will be at me and an inspiration to the last day of my life."

European Business, Once Germany's, Awaits Us, Says Pittsburgher.

CREDIT IS "ABSOLUTE."

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Positive that the European war offers the United States trade amounting to \$600,000,000 annually, a silver-plated, and bringing with him European specifications for merchandise amounting to \$1,000,000, J. Rodgers Flannery, president of the Pittsburgh Foreign Trade Commission and a member of the National Foreign Trade Council, arrived here yesterday after a month and a half's flying business trip through the heart of the war-ridden continent. "There has been too much attention paid to our really excellent opportunities to build a trade with South America," said Mr. Flannery, "and too little to the European advantages. There is more than \$600,000,000 worth of business annually, with absolute credit, now waiting for America to take in England, France, and Russia."

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